

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

210

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/21/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/21/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Secretarial Memorandum

13. Effective Date

01/05/1993

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

2

16b. Report Date

Report Title

05/03/2018

SFBPC Letter to Secretary Ryan Zinke regarding Response to Secretarial Order 3347

07/17/2018

FWS Response (Date: 071718) to SFBPC Letter 0532018

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 2

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Regular committee meeting to review Secretarial Orders and ensure the Council priorities are aligned with the Secretary's priorities.

Start

End

04/04/2018 - 04/05/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$250,899.00 \$270,000.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$45,000.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$14,744.00	\$50,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$7,158.00	\$15,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$33,077.00	\$18,000.00
18d. Total	\$305,878.00	\$398,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	2.00	1.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) accomplishes its purpose by: 1) completing assessments and evaluations of Federal fishing and boating programs requested by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and other agencies; and 2) recommending policies that improve aquatic resources conservation, fishing, or boating. For example, the Council has completed evaluations of the Service's overall fisheries program and three boating grant programs administered by the Service. The Council is currently working with Federal agencies to improve the efficiency and transparency of Federal permitting processes associated with boating infrastructure (e.g., docks, ramps, and marina developments). The Council's efforts and collaboration with Federal agencies provides the Department of the Interior with insights and input on Federal fishing and boating programs.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Council is comprised of a broad range of public and private sector interests that represent the Department of the Interior's fishing and boating stakeholders. The Council maintains a balanced membership by following the membership provisions in its charter. The charter identifies specific interests that are to be represented on the Council. These interests include: state natural resource directors, tribal resource management organizations, fishing tackle manufacturers, recreational boating manufacturers, recreational angling and boating organizations, outdoor education organizations, aquatic resource conservation organizations, and tourism interests.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Council typically meets 2-4 times per year via teleconference or in-person. The frequency of the meetings is dictated primarily by the Council's progress with program reviews and assessments. The meetings are very relevant to the Department of the Interior because the Council's program reviews and their assessments provide guidance and recommendations to the Secretary on Federal agencies' fishing and boating programs.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Council is comprised of national and regional leaders in angling and boating who represent a wide range of stakeholders. There is no equivalent committee or forum where these stakeholders interact together collectively to provide a comprehensive, well-rounded perspective on Federal fishing and boating programs. Accordingly, the Council's diverse set of organizational representatives ensures that a wide range of stakeholders' viewpoints are shared with the Department of the Interior.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A. All meetings of the Council are open to the public.

21. Remarks

N/A

Designated Federal Officer

Linda Friar DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Arway, John	03/02/2010	08/29/2018	Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission	Representative Member
Belleque, Janine	08/29/2016	08/29/2018	Boating Facilities Program Manager, Oregon State Marine Board	Representative Member
Boyd, Douglass	03/02/2010	08/29/2018	Board Member, Coastal Conservaton Association	Representative Member
Dammrich, Thomas	08/29/2016	08/29/2018	President National Marine Manufacturers Association	Representative Member
Edmonston, Chris	06/03/2014	08/29/2018	President, Boat US Foundation	Representative Member
Gigar, Barbara	08/29/2016	08/29/2018	President, Aquatic Resources Education Association	Representative Member
Gilliland, Gene	08/29/2016	08/29/2018	Conservation Director - B.A.S.S.	Representative Member
Harris, Frederick	03/22/2012	08/29/2018	Past President, American Fisheries Society	Representative Member
Huskins, Betty	03/02/2010	08/29/2018	President, Ridgetop Associates	Representative Member
Kovarovics, Scott	03/02/2010	08/29/2018	President, Izaak Walton League of America	Representative Member
Kurth, James	08/09/2018	08/29/2018	Acting Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Ex Officio Member
McKeever, Eugene	03/22/2012	08/29/2018	Senior Public Relations rep., L.L. Bean, Inc.	Representative Member
McKinnis, Jerry	05/03/2011	08/29/2018	Co-owner, BASS	Representative Member
Nussman, Michael	03/02/2010	03/31/2018	President and CEO, American Sportfishing Association	Representative Member
O'Mara, Collin	08/29/2016	08/29/2018	President and CEO, National Wildlife Federation	Representative Member
Regan, Ron	08/29/2016	08/29/2018	Executive Director- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	Ex Officio Member

Sprague, John	07/23/2014	08/29/2018	Marina/boatyard business	Representative Member
Taylor, Alvin	06/03/2014	08/29/2018	South Carolina Department of Natural Resources	Representative Member
Vasilaros, Nicole	08/29/2016	08/29/2018	Vice President, Federal and Legal Affairs, National Marine Manufacturers Association	Representative Member
Zorn, James	03/22/2012	05/21/2018	Executive Director, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 20

Narrative Description

The Council assists the Department of the Interior and the Service with guidance and policy recommendations for programs associated with aquatic resources conservation, fishing, and boating. More specifically, the Council's purpose is to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Service Director about: 1) policies and programs that increase support for the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund; 2) policies and programs that foster conservation and ethics in recreational fishing and boating; 3) policies and programs to stimulate angler and boater participation in the conservation of aquatic resources through outreach and education; 4) communication and coordination among government, industry, anglers, boaters, and the public; 5) implementation of Secretarial Orders 3347 and 3356; and 6) implementation of regulatory reform initiatives and policies in Section 2 of Executive Order 13777, Executive Order 12866, and Section 6 of Executive Order 13563.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

The Council's evaluations of Federal programs and policy recommendations seek to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of Federal efforts. However, it is difficult to quantify specific cost savings. For example, although the Council's recent review of the National Outreach and Communication Program (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 15.653) provides recommendations on ways to increase the program's overall effectiveness, it does not identify specific cost savings associated with these proposed changes.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

241

Number of Recommendations Comments

In this fiscal year, the Council only met once and provided 8 additional recommendations

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

82%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

To date, the Service has implemented 198 of the Council's 241 recommendations. The new recommendations that have been implemented included: 1) Increase recreational fishing participation, 2) Provide insights to the Council about the work of the Hunt and Fish Chiefs and 3) Ensure the Fisheries Program Strategic Plan appropriately addresses the Program's role in supporting and promoting recreational fishing

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Council received feedback from the Department and Service representatives through in-person communication and formal correspondence.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Service routinely incorporates the Council's recommendations into its consideration for projects selected for funding from the Boating Infrastructure Grant program's Tier II competitive grant selection. However, in FY 2018, the Council did not provide any recommendations on that program.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

The Council makes funding recommendations to the Service Director regarding Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Tier II Program proposals.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Online Agency Web Site
Online Committee Web Site
Online GSA FACA Web Site
Publications
Other



Access Comments

N/A